

## RAILROAD HEADS ARE HERE TO-DAY FOR CONFERENCE

Meeting to be Held at the  
Capitol to Discuss the  
R. F. & P. Matter.

SCOTT AND DOYLE  
BOTH MENTIONED

Interesting Rumor That Gould  
Road May Become Factor in  
Problem Should Pennsylvania  
Strengthen Its  
Hold—Hope for  
Adjustment.

## MAY BE CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF R., F. & P. THIS MORNING



JUDGE W. J. LEAKE.  
Understood to be choice of State proxies  
for president of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac.



F. W. SCOTT.  
Richmond man mentioned as possible  
choice for presidency of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac.

## RICHMOND TO BE WIPE OFF MAP

Aged Astrologer of Washington  
Includes This City Among  
Those That Are Doomed.

## WHOLE WORLD TO SUFFER

Twenty-Nine of Most Important  
Cities of Earth Included in  
Great Upheaval.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WASHINGTON, November 18.—  
"Twenty-nine of the largest cities of  
the world are doomed. Earthquake,  
flood and fire will sweep the  
population within the next twenty-  
four months. This wholesale destruc-  
tion is to be God's judgment on four  
nations. The doomed cities in this  
country are New York, Albany, Buf-  
falo, Detroit, Lansing, Boston, Phila-  
delphia, Washington, Richmond, Indi-  
anapolis, Pittsburgh, Columbus, In-  
dianapolis, Cincinnati, Louisville,  
Nashville, Muskogee, Milwaukee, Chi-  
cago, St. Louis, Hamilton, May, St.  
Joseph, Mo.; Omaha, St. Paul, Min-  
neapolis and Denver."

The above prophecy is made by Ed-  
mund Scribner Stevens, 72 years old,  
the well-known prognosticator of events  
and an astrologer of no mean ability.  
For more than twelve years Mr. Stevens  
has been an ardent student of the his-  
tory of the world. Since last May he  
has been endeavoring to forecast the  
telegraphic messages and to have made  
several true prophecies.

## In Throes of Upheaval.

Mr. Stevens said today:  
"The world is in the throes of an up-  
heaval, which will eventually reach  
the earth and make the North Pole north  
and the South Pole south. Instead of  
having the earth's axis on a slant, that  
upheaval will cause flood, fire and earth-  
quake, and most of the large cities of  
the world are going to suffer; some of  
them will be destroyed."

"Within the next two years twenty-  
six cities in the United States and Lon-  
don, Paris and Rome will be destroyed."  
New York City, the second largest city  
in the world, will be swallowed in the  
upheaval of an earthquake crack and Chicago  
and Milwaukee will be wiped off the map.

## MINER INSTANTLY KILLS STOREKEEPER

WHEELING, W. Va., November 18.—  
Silas Conway, a miner of Flushing,  
Ohio, near here, shot and instantly killed  
Marcus Brownell, an Italian storekeeper,  
with whom he quarreled to-night. Fol-  
lowing the murder Conway made his  
escape, and a posse, formed by Sheriff  
Aurine, is now in pursuit. The murder  
has caused much excitement among the  
foreign population of Flushing.

In 1881 Conway shot and badly wound-  
ed Marshal Joseph McConaughy, of  
Bridgeport, Ohio, and served twelve years  
for the crime in the Ohio penitentiary.

## BLIZZARD SWEEPING SOUTHERN COLORADO

TRINIDAD, COLO., November 18.—A  
severe blizzard is raging to-night. The  
Colorado and Southern Railroad reports  
the storm extending into the Panhandle  
of Texas. The Santa Fe reports a bliz-  
zard along its line as far as Kingsley.  
In northern New Mexico the bliz-  
zard is the worst. Trains are run-  
ning hours behind scheduled time.

## FIANCE ON THE OCEAN; GIRL MARRIES ANOTHER

Disappointment Awaits the Bos-  
ton Man When He Gets  
Here on Thursday.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NORFOLK, VA., November 18.—Miss  
Diana H. Rogers, the pretty belle girl,  
who has been taking a trip to the  
switchboard of the Monticello Hotel tele-  
phone exchange, who last night left  
her home for the theatre and was mar-  
ried by Frederick Phillips, a traveling sales-  
man, of Newmarket, Pa., was to have  
been married on Tuesday to Frederick  
Cook, of Boston, Mass. While the wed-  
ding ceremony was being performed in  
the hotel there was somewhere on the  
ocean between this city and Boston a  
wealthy man bound here to claim her  
as his bride. Even the bride's mother  
expected her to marry the Bostonian.

## BOMB EXPLODES AT HIGH ALTAR OF ST. PETER'S, ROME; INTENDED FOR POPE HIMSELF

Report Had Gone Out  
That Pontiff Would  
Conduct Service.

## PEOPLE STAMPEDE IN GREAT TERROR

Canon Calls on Them to Stop,  
and Only Immense Size of  
Edifice Probably Averted  
Catastrophe—Perpe-  
trator Cannot  
Be Found.



MAGNIFICENT ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, AT ROME.  
The attempt of an anarchist, who invaded its most sacred precincts yesterday, to  
mar its beauty will be resented by the civilized world, regard-  
less of religious affiliations.

ROME, November 18.—A bomb was  
exploded in St. Peter's today. The edifice  
was crowded and an indescribable scene  
of confusion followed. There were no  
fatalities. As soon as the shock of the  
explosion had passed, a canon  
sought by reassuring words to quiet the  
people, but in vain. They fled in all  
directions, and a number of women faint-  
ed. Women and children screamed, and  
men tried to protect their families from  
the crush. The church is so large, how-  
ever, that there was ample room for the  
crowd to scatter, and no one was in-  
jured. No trace of the perpetrator of  
the deed has been found.

Since Saint Anacleto, who was ordained  
by Peter himself, created an oratory in  
St. Peter's on the site of the present  
basilica to mark the spot where the  
remains of St. Peter are buried, no such  
audacious occurrence is noted in the  
annals of the church.

## Dense Smoke Spreads.

At the same time a dense smoke spread  
throughout this portion of the basilica,  
and a strong odor of gunpowder filled  
the air. Confusion and panic at once  
seized the people. The canon at the altar  
tried to stem the tide of fear. He shouted  
that the bomb had exploded, it is nothing,  
merely the non-day gun. His words,  
however, had little effect. They were re-  
futed by the smoke and the pungent smell  
of powder, and the people continued their  
headlong flight. Chairs were overturned,  
men and women fell, and in all direc-  
tions, the screams of children, excited  
and nervous, but orderly.

As soon as the smoke cleared away a  
hasty examination showed that nobody  
had been hurt in the crush, and further-  
more, that no one had been wounded by  
the explosion. Calm was gradually re-  
stored, and people returned to view the  
extent of the damage.

It was discovered that the bomb had  
been placed under a waxing, which  
had been erected to facilitate repairs  
to the roof, exactly over the celebrated  
tomb of Clement XIII, by Canova,  
which consists of a figure of the Pope  
and two lions, which is the most re-  
markable piece of sculpture in the  
basilica.

## Splendid Work of Art.

The tomb ranks among the finest ef-  
forts of modern sculpture, and by its  
execution Canova established his repu-  
tation. When the first dynamite reached  
the spot the scaffolding was found to be  
smoldering, but this fire was easily  
extinguished.

The tomb was found to be absolutely  
uninjured, and even the pavement shows  
scarcely any signs of the explosion. An  
examination of its remains of the bomb  
leads to the supposition, unless it was  
crudely prepared on purpose to mislead,  
that it was manufactured in the country.

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## WAVE OF CRIME HAS SPENT ITS COURSE

Appalling Record in Pittsburg in  
Past Two Weeks, Including  
Three Murders.

PITTSBURG, PA., November 18.—The  
epidemic of crime which has swept over  
this city and vicinity since November  
24 has apparently run its course, and  
to-day only a few small burglaries were  
reported to the authorities. During the  
sixteen days three murders were caused  
by thugs bent on robbery; carloads were  
thrown in one woman's face, dis-  
figuring her for life; half a hundred men  
were badly beaten; a hundred or more  
men and women were held up on the  
streets at the point of a revolver and  
robbed; houses in all sections of the city  
were broken into and thousands of dol-  
lars' worth of plunder stolen; scores of  
suspect persons have been arrested and  
sent to the workhouse; two hundred  
additional policemen were added to the  
police force, and rewards amounting to  
\$7,000 were offered for the arrest of Jas.  
A. McMillan and Henry F. Smith. Detec-  
tives came here from other cities and  
endeavored to capture the marauders,  
and notwithstanding the combined efforts  
of the authorities, failed to arrest any  
person directly implicated in the outrages.

## TERRIBLE STORM SWEEPS SOUTH

Eight Lives Lost and Many Buildings Demolished By Rain  
and Wind—Women and Children Perish—One  
Woman Buried in Ruins of Her Home.

## MEMPHIS, TENN., November 18.

Eight persons are known to have lost  
their lives, scores of others injured and  
property and crops suffered great damage,  
the extent of which, because of the  
meagre reports yet obtainable, cannot be  
estimated at this time, as a result of  
one of the most terrible rain and wind-  
storms ever experienced in this section.  
The storm, which originated on the Gulf  
last night and early to-day, swept north-  
eastward through portions of Alabama,  
Central and Northern Mississippi and  
Western Tennessee, and in its northward  
course razed scores of substantial build-  
ings, partially demolishing hundreds of  
others. On the other side, while traf-  
fic is greatly delayed, all trains are run-  
ning.

## All Trains Annulled.

To-night the Louisville and Nashville  
Railroad annulled all night trains from  
Memphis, because of the weakness of the  
bridges across Wolf River. The Nash-  
ville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Rail-  
road expects to have their track in shape  
to run trains by to-morrow. On the  
Southern Road all trains are detained  
via the 'Criss and Mobile and Ohio  
routes. On the other roads, while traf-  
fic is greatly delayed, all trains are run-  
ning.

## Town Well-Nigh Gone.

Cotton in the fields, blown down by the  
wind, was swept into the ground. Be-  
sides the loss of life and property re-  
ported, a number of points directly in the  
pathway of the storm cannot be commu-  
nicated with, and the loss to both life  
and property may be greatly increased by  
later news.

Throughout storm region rain continues  
to fall to-night, but in decreased volume.  
The storm approached Athens, Ala.,  
from the west and hit here two weeks  
ago, through the northern portion of that city.  
A score of buildings were wrecked, but  
no one was killed or seriously injured.  
At Bolivar, Tenn., nine inches of rain  
fell in twenty-four hours, and thousands  
of head of cattle were caught in the low-  
lands. Roper parties were out to-day,  
but because of the high stage of the  
water, but could be accomplished in  
rescuing the drowning cattle.

## Three States Suffer.

Telegraphic and telephonic communi-  
cation received today from points in  
Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee for  
a distance of several miles report that  
country to have suffered last night and  
early this morning from one of the most  
destructive rain and wind-storms ex-  
perienced in years.

Only meagre details are as yet obtain-  
able, but the damage is known to have  
been lost and great damage done to  
property and crops. Railroad traffic  
from this point is completely demoralized  
by numerous washouts, and many trains  
have necessarily been annulled.

From the report as far received, the  
greatest damage occurred in the central  
and delta regions of Mississippi.

At Winona, Miss., the Catholic, Chris-  
tian and negro Methodist churches and  
the Hester brick yard were demolished.  
Several business buildings, unroofed and  
badly damaged. Among the largest  
buildings damaged at this place are the  
post-office, Opera House, the oil mill, the  
compress, warehouse of the Jackson Mor-  
tuary Company and the residence of  
E. J. Dugan. Besides these about  
twenty-five smaller buildings were almost  
completely destroyed.

## Woman Crushed.

At Matheson, Miss., serious damage is  
reported to have occurred, and a woman  
killed by a falling building. At Tehula  
a falling tree, striking a small frame  
building, caused it to be set afire, and a  
woman and child were burned to death.  
At Nonconham Creek, a few miles from  
this city, last night a railroad trestle  
fell under the weight of a switch en-  
gine, the engine plunging into the swollen  
stream, carrying with it Engineer C.  
V. Peterson and Fireman A. R. Hittch.  
West Point, Columbia and Mahan,  
Miss., are reported to have suffered  
serious damage, but as these points are  
completely cut off from communication  
it is impossible at this time to ascertain  
the extent.

Wolf River, a small stream in the  
vicinity of Rossville, Tenn., is out of its  
banks, the water flooding the surround-  
ing territory for many miles. The en-  
tire town of Rossville is inundated, the  
water in the public square reaching a  
depth of four feet, and great damage  
has been done to property at this place  
and eastward. A railroad employee ar-  
riving here this afternoon on a hand car  
from Rossville reports the people of that  
place almost in a state of panic, the  
flood being the worst in the town's his-  
tory. Quantities of loose cotton has been

## SENATOR SADLER WILL MAKE FIGHT WITH GLOVES OFF

Chairman Hospital In-  
vestigating Commit-  
tee Is Prepared.

## NO CHANCE FOR A COMPROMISE NOW

Two Factions Encamped at Dif-  
ferent Hotels Facing Each  
Other on Same Street  
Waiting for Impend-  
ing Passage of  
Words.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., November 18.—  
"I intend to speak very fully to-morrow  
morning, when the committee meets, re-  
garding what has been going on in the  
committee for a week past. I will insist  
that every statement on the record be  
made public, and you may feel sure that  
I will not beat about the bush, but will  
have something to say that will be in-  
teresting. I will especially make a state-  
ment regarding my opinion of the contin-  
ued injustice and discourtesy that has  
been shown me by certain members of the  
committee."

This is what Senator Sadler, chairman  
of the Eastern State Hospital investi-  
gating committee, said to-night, when  
asked if he would have anything to say  
at the last meeting of the committee in  
Cameron Hall. There was blood in the  
chairman's eye, and an angry tremor  
in his voice, as he, standing with Mr.  
Ould, who concurred with him, spoke of  
the indignities which he claims have  
been put upon him by the majority of the  
committee, and there is no doubt but that  
there will be strenuous words used when  
the members get together to sign the re-  
ports.

## No Compromise Possible.

There is no chance of any compromise  
now, Messrs. Hixon, Dunn, Pulliam and  
Roberts, who make the majority finding,  
which will uphold the general board of  
Superintendent L. S. Foster, while the  
minority report of Messrs. Sadler and  
Ould will arraign him bitterly.

A member of the committee said to-  
night that he had the strongest chance  
of the two factions coming together.  
They are as far apart as the north is  
from the south, and so two reports will  
be presented to the general hospital board.

Dr. Foster still thinks that he will be  
returned by the general board, which  
meets in the executive office of the  
asylum on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.  
He declined to be interviewed to-night,  
but said: "I am here attending to my  
duties, and I expect to continue to at-  
tend to them after the general board  
meets. That is all he would say regard-  
ing the rumors that he would be deposed  
by the general board at its meeting on  
Tuesday."

Practically all the representative people  
in Williamsburg are friendly to Dr. Fos-  
ter. The college professors, the clergy,  
the municipal officials and the business  
citizens are for him, while opposed are the  
friends and relatives of Mr. Texas  
Foster, with whom the superintendent of  
the asylum has had more than one per-  
sonal difficulty.

The meetings to-morrow and Tuesday  
are being discussed by every one, and  
while there has been no outbreak of any  
kind, yet rumors of trouble are heard,  
and unless averted by cool heads, there  
is likely to be an open rupture if Dr.  
Foster is deposed. Stories of a sensa-  
tional character that have been whispered  
about the matter by the committee first  
met, will become public property, and  
trouble will certainly ensue.

Colonel Lane, commissioner of hos-  
pitals, and, as such, chairman of the  
general board, has asked to-night if the  
general board had decided to turn out  
Dr. Foster.

He replied that no one could tell what  
twelve men would do under any given set  
of circumstances, and then declined to  
discuss the matter. He said, however,  
that a committee from the general board,  
consisting of Messrs. Tredway, Osborne  
and Bohannon, had read the result of  
the investigating committee, and would  
report on Tuesday to the general board.  
It seems to be the opinion here that a  
clean sweep will be made of the officers  
of the asylum, including the superinten-  
dent and the physicians.

## Sadler Is Red-Hot.

Mr. Texas Foster met Messrs. Sadler  
and Ould at the train, and Dr. Hend-  
erson visited them shortly after their ar-  
rival at the hotel.

Senator Risson said to-night that he  
did not think the situation would finish  
out in the investigation has been known  
to them for a year past? If Dr. Foster  
was guilty of neglect and mismanage-  
ment, then why was he not dismissed at  
that time?"

Sergeant-at-Arms Watkins and Clerk  
of the Committee Owen came in to-night.  
Chairman Sadler was engaged to-night  
in writing out the remarks he will make  
to-morrow when he arrives to a point of  
personal privilege. He says they will be  
red-hot.

## CYCLONE SWEEPS IMMENSE AREA

Northern Half of State of Missis-  
sippi Is Cut Off From Rest  
of World.

NEW ORLEANS, November 18.—Much  
of the northern half of Mississippi was  
cut off from telegraphic communication  
with New Orleans all of to-day, poles  
and wires having gone down in last  
night's storm.

Reports reached the Western Union  
Telegraph Company here that the storm  
was of cyclonic intensity in the region  
of Winona and Grenada and that several  
buildings and one church had been dam-  
aged or blown down at Winona while  
Grenada suffered still greater damage.

Reports from a point about sixty-five miles  
south of Winona, but nearest point to  
which the latter place reached from here  
reported that nothing whatever had been  
heard of Winona since the storm.

Canton was swept by a heavy wind  
and rain, severe daybreak, the worst of  
this now appearing to have passed fur-  
ther north.

Jackson, Miss., reported a high wind  
and hail storm during the night.

In New Orleans the storm made itself  
felt by the highest temperature for this  
season on record during the past two  
days. The mercury rose above eighty  
degrees, causing extreme discomfort. A  
high wind accompanied the heat.

## VESSEL IN TERRIBLE STORM; CAPTAIN BADLY HURT

CHARLESTON, S. C., November 18.—  
The schooner J. Holmes Birdall, Captain  
Clark, from Newport News for Charle-  
ston, came in to-day and reported meeting  
a southerly gale Wednesday. In the blow  
the schooner shipped a sea which  
knocked Captain Clark over the wheel  
and broke his arm. He was sent to an  
infirmary as soon as the schooner came  
in.

## THREE KILLED; NUMBER OF HOUSES BLOWN DOWN

NEW ORLEANS, November 18.—Three  
persons were killed near Okolous and a  
number of houses blown down and others  
damaged by a severe tornado which  
struck at 10 o'clock to-day.

At Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wef-  
ford were caught in the debris of their  
home, and are believed to be fatally in-  
jured.

At Winona, forty persons are said to be  
injured, but none seriously. At Math-  
eson, all of the southern part of the town  
was blown away, including the Baptist  
Church and the public school building.

## UNIVERSITY BOYS SHOT POLICEMAN

Officer Interfered With Them  
During Celebration of Athletic  
Victory.

PAYETTEVILLE, ARK., November 18.—

Henry Rough, a policeman, was shot  
and seriously injured last night during  
a riot with students of the University of  
Arkansas. Three hundred college boys  
were parading the streets and giving their  
college yell, because of an athletic vic-  
tory over a rival college. When the  
officer asked them to become law-abiding  
they defied him, and he arrested one of  
them. The students then surrounded the  
officer, and in the melee which followed  
he was shot in the back. Though prompt-  
ly released the boy under arrest and shed  
several shots at the fleeing crowd, but  
none took effect.